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Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort Spring Events

LAS VEGAS, Nev. - History comes alive at the Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Park on Saturday, February 17, 2007 from 10 am – 2 pm when the Soldiers of the Old Fort will reenact "Guard Duty in the Army." Join us for this glimpse back in time. Entrance fees are applicable.

The monthly Civil War Roundtable will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at 7:30 pm. "American Civil War Fortifications" will be presented by Jim Hinds and is free to the public.

Enjoy our series "Lunch with History" at Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Park, held Saturday, March 3, 2007 from 12 pm to 1 pm. This month, "Mining and Abandoned Mines" will be the historical topic featuring Bill Durbin as the Guest Speaker. Bring your lunch and pay the entrance fee or pay \$6 per person which will pay for the entrance fee and lunch will be provided.

Also on Saturday, March 3, 2007, a children's program will teach "Journal Writing" from 10 am to 12 pm. Much of what is known about the fort's history came from journals kept by the Mormon missionaries and land owners. Entrance fees are applicable.

Entrance fee to the park includes all of the featured program activities and is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children, ages 6 to 12. Children under 6 are free.

Join us for a continuing celebration of history at the Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Park, 500 E. Washington Ave. in Las Vegas.

The park is open Monday through Saturday from 8 am to 4:30 pm. Call 702-486-3511 for more information.

Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park is dedicated to the first permanent, non-native settlers in the Las Vegas Valley—a group of Mormon missionaries who built an adobe fort along Las Vegas Creek in 1855. Today, the park includes a remnant of the original adobe fort, which serves as a visitor center with interpretive displays. The park is located in downtown Las Vegas, at the intersection of Las Vegas Boulevard and Washington Avenue. The park is open all year.

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